

## CLAIMS

1. An elliptical polarizer comprising at least a polarizer and an optical anisotropic element wherein said optical anisotropic element comprises a liquid crystalline substance layer with a fixed liquid crystal orientation, a tacky adhesive/adhesive layer, and a stress blocking layer.

2. The elliptical polarizer according to claim 1 wherein said stress blocking layer is arranged between said liquid crystalline substance layer and said tacky adhesive/adhesive layer.

3. The elliptical polarizer according to claim 1 wherein said stress blocking layer has a thickness of  $0.3\ \mu\text{m}$  or greater and  $40\ \mu\text{m}$  or less and a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $20\ ^\circ\text{C}$  or higher.

4. The elliptical polarizer according to claim 1 wherein it has a thickness of  $450\ \mu\text{m}$  or less.

5. A liquid crystal display device equipped with at least one elliptical polarizer as defined in claim 1.